November 2021						Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction						
OPEN ENROLLMENT APPROVALS AND	ON AND NO	OT SPECIAL EDUCATION - INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE APPLICATIONS										
APPROVALS AND DENIALS	SPED				NONSPED				TOTAL			
	2015-16	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2015-16	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2015-16	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Total Applications	6,027	5,533	5,854	5,919	35,091	33,130	34,110	38,385	41,118	38,663	39,964	44,264
% of Total Applications	14.66%	14.31%	14.65%	13.37%	85.34%	85.69%	85.35%	86.72%				
Nonresident Approved or Not Denied	3,557	3,416	3,688	3,876	25,664	25,948	27,016	32,057	29,221	29,364	30,704	35,933
% Approved	59.02%	61.74%	63.00%	65.48%	73.14%	78.32%	79.20%	83.51%	71.07%	75.95%	76.83%	81.18%
Nonresident Denied	2,470	2,117	2,166	2,043	9,427	7,182	7,094	6,288	11,897	9,299	9,260	8,331
% Denied	40.98%	38.26%	37.00%	34.52%	26.86%	21.68%	20.80%	16.38%	28.93%	24.05%	23.17%	18.82%
Resident Approved or Not Denied	5,576	5,500	5,806	5,876	34,953	32,977	33,925	38,129	40,529	38,477	39,731	44,005
% Approved	92.52%	99.40%	99.18%	99.27%	99.61%	99.54%	99.46%	99.33%	98.57%	99.52%	99.42%	99.41%
Resident Denied	451	33	48	43	138	153	185	216	589	186	233	259
% Denied	7.48%	0.60%	0.82%	0.73%	0.39%	0.46%	0.54%	0.56%	1.43%	0.48%	0.58%	0.59%
Approved by Nonresident & Resident	3,421	3,404	3,662	3,853	25,586	25,887	26,893	31,957	29,007	29,291	30,555	35,810
% Approved by Both	56.76%	61.52%	62.56%	65.10%	72.91%	78.14%	78.84%	83.25%	70.55%	75.76%	76.46%	80.90%
Denied by Either Nonresident or Resident	2,606	2,129	2,192	2,066	9,505	7,243	7,217	6,388	12,111	9,372	9,409	8,454
% Denied by Either	43.24%	38.48%	37.44%	34.90%	27.09%	21.86%	21.16%	16.64%	29.45%	24.24%	23.54%	19.10%
	CDED				NONCOED				TOTAL			
NONRESIDENT DISTRICT REASONS FOR DENIAL	SPED			NONSPED			TOTAL					
		2018-19		2020-21	2015-16	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2015-16	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
NONSPED Reasons Only	1,107	759		627	9,427	7,182	7,094	6,288	10,534	7,941	7,868	6,915
% Denied NONSPED Reasons	44.82%	35.85%	35.73%	30.69%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	88.54%	85.40%	84.97%	83.00%
SPED Reasons Only	1,022	1,066	1,186	1,263	0	0	0	0	1,022	1,066	1,186	1,263
% Denied SPED Reasons Only	41.38%	50.35%	54.76%	61.82%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.59%	11.46%	12.81%	15.16%
SPED and NONSPED Reasons	341	292	206	153	0	0	0	0	341	292	206	153
% Denied SPED and NONSPED Reasons	13.81%	13.79%	9.51%	7.49%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.87%	3.14%	2.22%	1.84%
Specific Reasons for Denial												
SPED Space Is Not Available	1,226	1,144	1,199	1,167	0	0	0	0	1,226	1,144	1,199	1,167
SPED Services Not Available	116	197	139	189	0	0	0	0	116	197	139	189
Referred for Special Education Evaluation	28	42	64	64	0	0	0	0	28	42	64	64
Regular Ed Space Is Not Available	1,258	839	683	685	8,597	6,270	6,034	5,808	9,855	7,109	6,717	6,493
Expelled or Habitual Truant	53	62	63	29	154	259	275	108	207	321	338	137
4K Not Offered in Resident District	8	12	10	7	132	116	81	84	140	128	91	91
Other (Late, Incomplete, Too Old, Too Young)	56	93	145	25	197	394	482	144	253	487	627	169
Not in Best Interest or Criteria Do Not Apply (Alt Apps)	90	60	86	38	374	205	258	155	464	265	344	193
RESIDENT DISTRICT REASONS FOR DENIAL					NOVERED				TO-1:			
	SPED			NONSPED				TOTAL				
		2018-19		2020-21	2015-16	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2015-16	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Undue Financial Burden	408		0	0	0	0	0	0	408			0
4K Not Offered in Resident District	8		4	6	40	62	34	54	48		38	60
Other (Late, Incomplete, Too Old, Too Young)	15		5	9	27	33	30	72	42	35	35	81
Not in Best Interest or Criteria Do Not Apply (Alt Apps)	24	27	41	28	72	53	125	95	96	80	166	123

NOTE: A "SPED" application is one which the parent answered "yes" to one or more of three questions on the open enrollment application (does the child have an IEP, is the child receiving special education or has the child been referred for a special education evaluation) or one that was denied for a special education reason even though the parent responded "no" to all three questions or did not respond.

^{*}Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, "undue financial burden" was no longer a resident district reason for denial under Wis. Stat. 118.51. Also beginning in the 2016-17 school year, an open enrollment aid amount for students with disabilities was created under Wis. Stat. 118.51(17). 2015-16 data is provided as a comparison to the data collected after the law change.